



Water Quality NewsFlash

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Construction General Permit – Draft revised Fact Sheet provides

monitoring guidance – In 1999, the SWRCB reissued the General Construction Storm Water Permit (Order 99-08-DWQ). The BayKeepers challenged the permit and the court directed the SWRCB to modify the permit to require specific sampling and analytical procedures to track BMP effectiveness. The Board modified the Order in 2001, but the environmental groups went back to court and the judge ordered the Board to make additional modifications. The Board has now issued a draft Fact Sheet incorporating an improved monitoring program. “The modifications to the monitoring program require sampling and analysis procedures to help determine whether BMPs installed and maintained in accordance with the SWPPP are preventing pollutants in discharges from the construction site from causing or contributing to exceedance of water quality standards.” The issue of determining compliance with WQS has been contentious for both construction site and municipal runoff. Comments are due by March 30.

http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/stormwtr/docs/draft_factsheet_amendment.pdf

An interesting comparison can be made to the Construction General Permit which EPA issued for states in which the NPDES program has not been delegated. The EPA permit does not appear to include mandatory monitoring and the discharge is assumed to be in compliance with WQS if the basic BMP program is being implemented. <http://cfpub.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater/cgp.cfm>

SD Bacteria TMDL – Workshops underway – The second public workshop on the Bacteria-Impaired Waters TMDL Project I for Beaches and Creeks (Bacteria Project I) is scheduled for March 9 at the San Diego Regional Board. The workshop will provide an overview of the draft Technical Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Report. The Report proposes TMDL numeric targets equal to the water quality objectives for fecal coliform and enterococcus. The wet weather interim numeric target is based on a reference watershed approach that takes into account exceedances caused by natural sources of bacteria in the watershed. The Board is also forming a Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG) for the TMDL with a maximum of 10 members including Caltrans. <http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb9/tmdls/bacteria.html#draft>

NewsFlash – Online, searchable – Back issues of WQ NewsFlash are organized by year going back to 1999 and also have a search function. <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/env/stormwater/index.htm> Click on *Stormwater Bulletins*, then *NewsFlash*. Search function in upper right corner.

Upcoming events -

- *Storm Water Compliance Seminars* – Sponsored by BIA/SC; Ontario & Mission Viejo; Mar. 24 & 25; includes discussion of proposed General Construction Permit rewrite & site tours; Info: <http://www.biasc.org/article.cfm?id=64>

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